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**From:** Farak, Sonja (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SONJA.FARAK]  
**Sent:** 8/3/2011 11:00:04 AM  
**To:** Flor, John (BRI) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=John.E.Flor]  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

John-

I understand that having all of the witnesses available on the same date(s) can be an issue. I would not mind reviewing Jim's notes and data for the drugs he analyzed, and then forming my own opinion (and testifying) as to what the substances are. I have never had to do this before, though, but do not anticipate any problems on my part.

Also, did you have a chance to review the drug lab numbers for each of the two Vargas cases? Thanks.

[REDACTED]

-Sonja

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**From:** Flor, John (BRI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 02, 2011 3:29 PM  
**To:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

Hi Sonja,

Thank you for the return email. As you may or may not be aware, our trial involves several different types of drugs and a second chemist. This second chemist is James Hanchett. I spoke with Mr. Hanchett and he will be on vacation. I worry if we continue this case (as there are several officers, civilians) that we may run into this problem again.

My question for you is, would you feel comfortable quickly reviewing his charts and data and forming an opinion on what the substances that he tested are. This would be similar to an expert reviewing another expert's charts and diagram's on an autopsy report and then forming an opinion on what was the cause of death in a homicide case. Please let me know your thoughts? If you are comfortable doing such, I am confident we can pull it off.

Thank you,

John Flor

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**From:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 02, 2011 7:06 AM  
**To:** Flor, John (BRI)  
**Subject:** RE: Vargas

Hi John-

I have no problems with the Alexis Vargas trial on 8-9, but I also have a case scheduled in Springfield and Holyoke on 8-10. If you are going to have me on call, I'm guessing you will not get to me until after the lunch break as it will probably take me 2½ hours once I get the call to get there. With that said, I will let the ADAs in Springfield and Holyoke know that, if I am needed, I will need to testify before lunch, and preferably before noon. That should not be a problem for Holyoke as they are pretty good at getting me on and off the stand quickly, but I will inform the ADA of the situation. As for Springfield, most of the time the cases don't go, and my case on the 10<sup>th</sup> is not that old, so I'm guessing that will not be an issue, but I will get in touch with the ADA there to see what is going with that case. Also, I believe that the other chemist in this case (Jim Hanchett) has emailed you that he is on vacation next week and will not be available, so I don't know if that changes anything.

Also, I am hoping that you can confirm the lab numbers for me as there are a couple more numbers listed for the Abdul Vargas than in the Alexis Vargas case:

[REDACTED]

Finally, you can reach me on my cell [REDACTED] as I keep it on and with me at work and when I'm going to court. The only time that you may get my voicemail would be if I am actually testifying at that moment, and I will check it as soon as I am done. I hope that all of this helps.

-Sonja

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**From:** Flor, John (BRI)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Hi Chemist Farak,

I have you as a listed chemist for Jury Trial on 8-9 and 8-10. The defendant's are [REDACTED] (8-9) and [REDACTED] (8-10). The defense attorney objected to joining the two, so they are on consecutive days. It is possible that one or both may be pleas. Also possible one may be a trial. Is there a good way to reach you on the date of trial? Cell phone, etc.? I will keep you on call until we know we need you for sure. Hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you,

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